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Role-playing yields both positive, negative results

In an effort to prevent bewildered staffers from questioning "What happened to the toy in this box?" "This article had the ticket changed!", K mart 4303 in Indianapolis, IN, held a contest to encourage employees to help cut down on shrinkage and shortages. Everyone was asked to create a poster depicting waste or compose a list of ways to reduce it.

Kevin Williams, stockroom, won first prize for his original poster and Barbara King, refunds, beat all other contestants for her 96 suggestions on preventing waste.



Kevin and Barbara display their winning entries in 4303's contest.

Flint, MI's K mart 4060 has a personnel manager who befriends people as well as animals. Sometimes, alas, even good intentions go awry.

Pat Krug found a poor hungry little black Labrador puppy last summer which she named Maynard. She also discovered many stray neighborhood dogs were randomly prowling through residents' garbage cans, so she called the local dog pound to inform officials to be on the lookout for destructive pets.

Her plan backfired when her own unlicensed pup was found wandering around, and the dog catcher picked up and carted Maynard off to the pound. After paying out \$44 for fees and shots, making trips to the pound and an appearance in court, Pat has decided to stop troubleshooting and leave the law — and other dogs — alone.

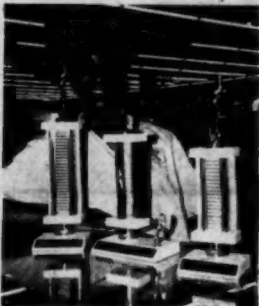
Assistant Manager Randy Skora of Kresge 364, Warren, MI, took on an unusual opponent last month at

the 1977 Outdoor Show held at Detroit's West Armory. Randy battled Victor the Wrestling Bear in front of newsmen, radio broadcasters and the public. There were no injuries, just lots of fun.

The Mothers of K mart 3344 in Kentwood, MI were the honored guests of a Mothers Day breakfast cooked and served by the male employees last week. Ruth Russell, domestics, had the pleasure of being waited on by Manager William Charron. She deserves it: Ruth has eight children, 34 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

At the end of the bowling season, Cincinnati, OH's K mart 4185 voted that Debbie Kavanagh and Betty Rains were the most improved bowlers of the team.

Triple trophies



Ivory Orene Robinson has a lot to smile about: She took trophies in her mixed doubles bowling league for high game of 237, high series of 623 and highest average of 174. Ivory is candy department manager for K mart 4686 in Saginaw, MI.



Dave Littlejohn, Joe Hughes and his partner Steve Trever will meet again when the stuntmen arrive for this summer's show.



Keeping up with the latest craze to display a message on one's shirt, Kim Longest, J. and Debbie Taboe of Evansville, IN stole 3234 show off their outfits for Customer Courtesy Week.

It's a bird . . . it's a plane . . .

The staff of K mart 3000 in Terre Haute, IN is eagerly awaiting the return of a thrilling aerial company that entertained local audiences last year. Aerial stuntman Joe Hughes and his wing-walker Steve Trever were participants in the 1976 Terre Haute Benefit Airshow which donated its proceeds to the Special Olympics, a national organization assisting handicapped children to achieve their fullest potential through participation in athletic competitions and activities.

Joe is well-known for his spine-tagging stunt work, most noticeably in the television series "Spencer's Pilots" and in motion pictures such as "The Great Waldo Pepper." Steve is a college gymnast during the school year who spends his free time walking the wings of Joe's Super Stearman airplane.

During last year's visit, the two performers worked closely with 3000's Camera Manager Dave Littlejohn, who is on the Board of Directors of Sports Aero Council, Inc., the company which produces the aerial show. Dave will again serve as safety and grounds director this year.

Del's intervention prevents suicide

Doctors and pharmacists have several things in common: knowledge about drugs, certain specialized medical training and ability to help people get well. But it's the physician who is usually called upon to save a life. Pharmacist Del Bowling from K mart 3156 took his job a bit further recently, and did indeed prevent a death — by suicide.

He answered the phone one night at the Farmington, MI store to have a woman ask how large of an amount of two drugs were required to cause death. She told Del she had become depressed lately and was overwhelmed with family problems. She didn't give her name or say where she was, and she hung up after five minutes.

Del thought about the drugs she had mentioned. One of them was given to epileptics, and he suddenly remembered having special ordered the medication for a recent customer. After looking up the woman's name in his records, he notified the police of her address.

The officers arrived at the apartment and convinced her not to take the drugs. Del's intervention had been timely, and a few days later, the young woman came to the store to thank him for his good deed.

Vacationer travels to exotic Bahamas

People frequently say they're going on vacation to "get away from it all."

Sharon Franta did get away — to a pleasantly different change of locale removed from many of the conveniences of modern society.

With 26 other high school students and four teachers, the part-timer from Kresge 38 in Cleveland, OH vacationed on Andros Island, the largest island in the 700 island chain known as the Bahamas. The group discovered they were in the midst of a population which didn't even possess a fire department. Furthermore, only eight automobiles and five boats were owned by natives because of the astronomical import tax imposed on them.

The travelers lodged in six cabins offered by the Columbus, OH chapter of the American Field Study organization. They learned that a mandatory island policy was to turn electric lights on at 5:00 p.m. and extinguish them at 11:00 p.m.

Sharon's visit coincided with the completion of the island's first three room high school. She and her friends were entertained at the island's Easter festival, the Regatta, which featured sailboat races, native dancing and food outdoors.

It was a scenic getaway, and Sharon on her return to Kresge 38 spurred a big interest among co-workers to explore exotic surroundings like Andros Island.